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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-000697
Request No. 2018-51081
CDT:RCS

VIA: Email

Dear Matthew Hoppock:

You appealed from the action of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) on your FOIA request for access to records concerning a Board of Immigration Appeals photo album. I note that your appeal concerns the withholdings made by EOIR. I note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between EOIR personnel and this Office, I am remanding your request to EOIR for further processing of the responsive records. If EOIR determines that records are releasable, it will send them to you directly, subject to any applicable fees. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by EOIR. If you would like to inquire about the status of this remanded request or to receive an estimated date of completion, please contact EOIR directly at 703-605-1297.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

9/17/2019

X

Sean R. O'Neill
Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff
Signed by: SEAN O'NEILL